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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESTC, GW

SUBJ: SOVIET INTEREST IN LEOPARD TANK

1. USUALLY RELIABLE LOCAL CUSTOMS OFFICIAL INFORMED CONGEN OFFICER MAY 5, DURING DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL EXPORT CONTROL CASES OF MUTUAL INTEREST, THAT EAST EUROPEAN AGENTS, WHICH HE ASSUMES TO BE ACTING FOR SOVIETS, ARE KNOWN TO BE INTERESTED IN GETTING CONTROL OF A LEOPARD TANK ENGINE FOR SHIPMENT TO THE USSR. THE ENGINE , HE SAID, IS OF INTEREST TO THE SOVIETS BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH HORSEPOWER AND TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES. IT IS SUSPECTED, HE ADDED, THAT THESE AGENTS, IF SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE ENGINE, WILL SEEK TO MOVE IT OVERLAND ACROSS THE BORDER, PROBABLY BY RAIL, UNDER COVER OF PAPERS DESCRIBING IT AS A MARINE ENGINE. SECURITY OFFICIALS AT THE PRODUCTION CENTER NEAR FRIEDRICHSHAFEN ACCORDINGLY ARE EXERCIZING VERY STRICT CONTROL OVER DELIVERY OF THESE ENGINES TO PREVENT DIVERSION. OFFICIALS OF OTHER WEST GERMAN ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN ELERTED.

2. THE OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THIS CONTROL APPARENTLY HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL TO DATE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESENCE IN THE FRG OF "THOUSAND'S" OF AGENTS WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE USSR AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OFTEN MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO PREVENT DIVERSION OF ITEMS SUBJECT TO COCOM OR OTHER CONTROLS.

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3. COMMENT: THIS REPORT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCIES. PRESS REPORTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING THIS TANK IN THE U.S. IS UNDER DISCUSSION. JENKINS

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